

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2515

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE CURTIS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 173, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to video game competitions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 173, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 173.2600, to read as follows:

3 **173.2600. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, student participants in**  
4 **video game competitions shall not be considered student athletes and video game**  
5 **competitions shall not be considered sporting or athletic events for any purpose.**

6 **2. No public institution of higher education shall implement any rules or policies**  
7 **that subject video game competitors to institutional or athletic organizational regulations**  
8 **relating to prizes, winnings, or compensation of student athletes.**

9 **3. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit any public institution of higher**  
10 **education from awarding scholarships based on video gaming abilities.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.